Topic	Discrete Math Result
Sums	$1 + 2 + + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
Log rule	$log(n^a) = a log(n)$
Log rule	$log(a \cdot b) = log(a) + log(b)$
Log rule	$\log(\frac{a}{b}) = \log(a) - \log(b)$
Log rule	log(1) = 0
Log rule	$a^{\log_a n} = n$ Note that the cancellation applies because the bases 'a' match up.
Log rule	$log_a(a^k) = k$
Log rule	$a^{\log_b n}=n^{\log_b a}$ The exponent on the n is $\log_b a$ , which you can enter in your calculator.
Sum rule	$\sum_{k=0}^{L} a^k = \frac{a^{L+1} - 1}{a - 1}$
Sum Rule	$\sum\limits_{k=0}^{infinity}a^k=rac{1}{1-a}$ as long as  a <1
Sum Rule	$\sum_{k=0}^{L} a^k \leq c \text{ as long as }  a  < 1$
Sum Rule (from Week 3 bottom-up heap-building)	$\sum_{k=0}^{L} k(a)^k = \frac{a}{(1-a)^2}$ as long as  a <1

Binomial Coefficient:	Number of ways of selecting k distinct items out of n items: $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$
Binomial coefficient for k = 2	Number of ways of selecting 2 distinct items out of n items: $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$
Number of subsets	Number of ways of picking a subset of any size out of n items:  2 <sup>n</sup>